

2003 Livestock Summary

Iowa

Iowa's cattle, hog, and sheep producers received \$4.97 billion from marketings in 2003. This was up nearly 18 percent from the \$4.21 billion received in 2002. Cattle accounted for \$2.33 billion of the cash receipts in 2003 while hog sales totaled \$2.60 billion and sheep \$31.3 million. This compares to 2002 receipts of \$1.76 billion for cattle, \$2.60 billion for hogs, and \$23.0 million for sheep.

Cattle: Iowa producers had 3.45 million cattle and calves on farms as of January 1, 2004, down 3 percent from January 1, 2003. Cows and heifers that have calved totaled 1.18 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier. Of this total, 984,000 head were beef cows, down less than 1 percent from last year, and 196,000 head were milk cows, nearly a 6 percent decrease from last year.

Heifers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 810,000 head, were down 1 percent from the previous year. Of this total, 125,000 were beef cow replacements, 95,000 were milk cow replacements, and 590,000 were other heifers.

Steers weighing 500 pounds or more, at 940,000 head, were down 7 percent from a year ago. An estimated 70,000 bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were on hand, unchanged from last year. Calves weighing 500 pounds or less totaled 450,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The estimated 2003 calf crop for Iowa is 1.12 million head, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Hogs: Iowa continues to rank number one among the states in hog numbers. Hogs and pigs on hand December 1, 2003, totaled 15.9 million, or 26 percent of the Nation's hogs.

The state's pork producers farrowed 1.77 million sows during 2003 (December 2002 through November 2003), 20,000 more than during 2002. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.68, resulting in a pig crop of 15.4 million, up 2 percent from the previous year. Marketings of hogs were 28.1 million head in 2003, up 1 percent from 2002.

Sheep: Sheep numbers on January 1, 2004 in Iowa totaled 250,000 head, down 2 percent from January 1, 2003. An estimated 220,000 lambs were born during 2003, up 2 percent from the previous year. The 240,000 sheep shorn in 2003 produced 1.36 million pounds of wool valued at \$394,000.

Milk Production: Iowa dairymen produced an estimated 3.78 billion pounds of milk during 2003, down slightly from 2002. There was an average of 201,000 milk cows on hand during 2003, down 4 percent from the 209,000 a year earlier. The annual average milk produced per cow was 18,806 pounds, up from the 18,201 pound average in 2002.

Red Meat Production: Slaughter plants in Iowa produced 6.42 billion pounds of red meat (beef, veal, pork, and mutton) during 2003. This was more than 3 percent above the previous year.

Cattle slaughter in Iowa was up 7 percent from 2002 and hog slaughter was up 1 percent from 2002. One in every 3.8 pounds of pork is shipped from an Iowa plant.

United States

The 2003 gross income from cattle and calves, hogs and pigs, and sheep and lambs for the United States totaled \$56.6 billion, up 17 percent from 2002. Gross income increased for hogs and pigs, cattle and calves, and sheep and lambs.

Total 2003 cash receipts from marketings of meat animals increased 17 percent to \$56.2 billion. Cattle and calves accounted for 80 percent of this total, hogs and pigs 19 percent, and sheep and lambs 1 percent. Production increased for hogs and pigs but declined for both cattle and calves, and sheep and lambs. Average prices were up for all species.

Cattle and Calves: Cash receipts from marketings of cattle and calves increased from \$38.0 billion in 2002 to \$45.1 billion in 2003. All cattle and calf marketings totaled 56.8 billion pounds in 2003, up 1 percent from the previous year. The U.S. annual average price per

100 pounds live weight for cattle was \$79.70, an increase of \$13.20 from 2002. For calves, the annual average price increased \$5.60 to \$102.00.

Hogs and Pigs: Cash receipts from hogs and pigs totaled \$10.6 billion during 2003, up 11 percent from 2002. Marketings increased to 27.2 billion pounds in 2003, down less than 1 percent from 2002. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight increased from \$33.40 in 2002 to \$37.20 in 2003.

Sheep and Lambs: Cash receipts from marketings of sheep and lambs in 2003 were \$505 million, up 18 percent from 2002. Marketings decreased 7 percent to 607 million pounds. The U.S. annual average price per 100 pounds live weight for lambs increased from \$28.20 in 2002 to \$34.90 in 2003; while for lambs, the annual average price increased \$20.30 to \$94.40.